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AN ACT
RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; ALLOWING LEGISLATIVE
REIMBURSEMENT FOR PARKING EXPENSES WHEN TRAVELING
OUT-OF-STATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 2-1-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
Chapter 1, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-1-9. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL--IN-STATE TRAVEL.--

A. Out-of-state travel of members, officers and
employees of the legislative branch of government shall be
exempt from approval by any member of the executive branch.

B. Members of the legislature serving on official
business for interim committees within the state shall
receive:

(1) per diem at the internal revenue service
per diem rate as provided in Section 2-1-8 NMSA 1978 for each
day served, including travel time, and the cost of public
transportation by the shortest, most direct route or mileage
for each mile traveled by the shortest, most direct route by
automobiles at the internal revenue service standard mileage
rate or by privately owned aircraft at the air mileage rate
set out by the rules adopted by the department of finance and
administration pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act; and

(2) per diem for one additional day at the

1 internal revenue service per diem rate as provided in Section
2 2-1-8 NMSA 1978 if, in order to serve on official business
3 for an interim committee, a legislator travels to a location
4 that is one hundred or more miles from the location of the
5 legislator's point of departure; provided that, pursuant to
6 policies adopted by the New Mexico legislative council, per
7 diem under this paragraph shall be paid only if the
8 legislator is not entitled to per diem for travel time as
9 provided in Paragraph (1) of this subsection.

10 C. Reimbursement for out-of-state travel on
11 committee business shall be as follows:

12 (1) the cost of the tickets on public
13 transportation by the shortest, most direct route;

14 (2) the cost of parking;

15 (3) mileage at the same rates established
16 for in-state travel if automobiles or private airplanes are
17 used, based on official mileage by the shortest, most direct
18 route; provided that in no event shall the mileage
19 reimbursement for out-of-state travel exceed the dollar
20 amount that would be due if the member had used first class
21 public air transportation by the shortest, most direct route;
22 and

23 (4) per diem for the number of days spent in
24 travel and on committee business at the in-state rate
25 provided for in Section 2-1-8 NMSA 1978."